

Chapter 2.9.5

Varroosis of Honey Bees

Article 2.9.5.2 – Item (2): Currently states:” Varroosis should be notifiable in the whole country or zone/compartiment and all clinical signs suggestive of varroosis should be subjected to field and laboratory investigations”.

Article 2.9.5.2 – Item (2): recommend it be changed to: Varroosis **is** ~~should be~~ notifiable in the whole country or zone/compartiment and all clinical signs suggestive of varroosis should be subjected to field and laboratory investigations.

Rationale: the use of the proposed text “should be” is ambiguous and we recommend that replacement with the word “is” clearly informs the reader that varroosis is a notifiable disease in the whole country or zone/compartiment.

Current proposed text:

Article 2.9.5.6 – Item (2): have originated from queens in a quarantine station and were inspected and found free of *Varroa destructor*.

Recommended text:

Article 2.9.5.6 – Item (2): have originated from queens in a quarantine station and ~~and were inspected and found free of *Varroa destructor*~~ to assure freedom from varroosis at a 95% confidence level”.

Rationale: the proposed wording is not clear as to what level of examination is being required.